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### **Inquiry**

County council summons local academic to explain column on affordable housing

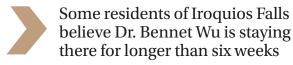




### **Egg-xactly**

Four-year-old Piper shows off her finished Easter egg creation at the Minden branch of the Haliburton County Public Library on March 30. The library held a holiday crafts event for children on the weekend. See more photos on page 9. Sian Cox Special to the Times

## Length of doc's leave unclear



**Chad Ingram** Staff reporter

While Mindenites believe that Dr. Bennet Wu has left the community for six weeks, residents of Iroquois Falls seem to be under the impression Wu will be practising there for at least two years.

As reported by the *Times* last week, Wu, Minden's only general practitioner, was scheduled move to the small community near Timmins to practise from April 2 to May 15.

In a letter dated March 22, Wu had explained to his patients how he would be leaving Minden for six weeks since he needed the money he would earn to help pay school expenses of some of his children.

In the interim, the Haliburton Family Health Team will have physicians at his clinic two and half days a week.

However, the paper has been contacted by a man from Iroquois Falls who says residents there are under the impression Wu has joined the area family health team and will be staying for at least two years.

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## Elementary teachers free to resume extracurricular activities

**Jenn Watt** 

Editor

The local school board chairwoman is happy to hear elementary teachers are no longer being directed to avoid extracurricular activities.

Karen Round, head of the Trillium Lakelands District School Board, said she's "pleased to support teachers" in their return to voluntary activities.

"We had no idea that this would be forthcoming," Round told the paper after the leadership of the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario announced they were no longer advising their members to boycott extracurricular

Negotiations between the Ministry of Education and ETFO have been confidential, and Round said her board had no idea which way things were going.

Earlier this year, Trillium Lakelands along with the Upper Canada District School Board took the ETFO to the labour relations board because they said it was "counselling strike

Lawyers from both sides gave their final remarks weeks ago and the chairman of the labour relations board is still

In late February, the secondary school teachers' union advised its members to return to extracurriculars if they wished. At that time, ETFO did not follow suit.

"I really did not think there would be a change [in ETFO's position], but I am pleased," Round said.

### Several top 'sunshine list'

As in previous years, at the end of March public salaries over \$100,000 are published complying with Ontario law.

The first disclosed in the Haliburton region was the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit, with seven staff making more than \$100,000 a year.

Topping the list is the medical officer of health, who last year made \$312,000.

The other six department heads made between \$103,000 and \$112,000 last year.

The Trillium Lakelands District School Board also released its figures last week, with local school principals making between \$126,000 and \$111,800 a year.

The highest paid member of TLDSB was its director of education who made more than \$186,000 last year.

Haliburton School of the Arts had staff members cracking the so-called "Sunshine List" including its principal making \$124,000 and two of its professors making around \$107,000 a

Haliburton Highlands Health Services had 10 employees meeting the \$100,000 mark including seven emergency room registered nurses, a technologist, the head of patient care and the CEO, who topped the list making about \$166,000 last year.





This photo of snowboarder Greg Foster by Times/Echo photographer Darren Lum won best feature photo at the Ontario Community Newspaper Association awards on March 22. The Times placed third for general excellence.

### Minden Times takes third in general excellence at OCNA awards

The Ontario Community Newspaper Association awarded the *Minden Times* with a third place in its general excellence competition.

In its circulation class, the *Times* was centred out for its "simple, yet effective" front pages, unafraid of running large

Humour columnist Steve Galea was given honourable

mention for his work, while photographer Darren Lum earned first place in the feature photo category for his portrait of snowboarder Greg Foster, which ran on the front page of sister paper the Haliburton Echo.

The awards were announced at a gala ceremony in Vaughan March 22.

Minden Times

## News

Wednesday, April 3, 2013

## Vaccination rate left off incentives list

**Chad Ingram** 

Staff reporter

The following a brief reports of items discussed during a March 28 Haliburton Highlands Health Services board

Staff adherence to a policy encouraging flu vaccinations will not be used as criteria for financial incentives for the hospital's senior management team.

While there are a number of indicators used to calculate bonus pay for management, most board members as well as the hospital's medical advisory committee felt it was unfair to use staff vaccination rates since employers cannot make employees get the shot.

According to CEO Varouj Eskedjian, the staff immunization rate is about 67 to 70 per cent, higher than the provincial rate, which he said is likely between 40 and 50 per cent for most hospitals.

Eskedjian said he'd like to see the local rate at at least 80 per cent.

This would mean the immunization of an additional 15 to 20 staff members.

Staff vaccination will stay on the facility's list of quality

The medical advisory committee would ideally like to see a 100 per cent vaccination rate.

### **Integration discussions**

Eskedjian told members that discussions around the integration of community health providers in the Central East Local Health Integration Network are progressing.

It was announced late last year that the services of HHHS, Ross Memorial Hospital, Community Care Haliburton, Community Care City of Kawartha Lakes and SIRCH Community Services would be merged and stakeholders have been meeting, brainstorming what a new structure might look like.

Eskedjian said options included one entity with one CEO, two entities with one CEO, two entities with two CEOs or possibly more entities.

Factors such as cost savings, quality enhancement and client experience are being considered.

Eskedjian said the group is also cognizant of maintaining community linkages, fundraising groups and volun-

The group plans to reach out to other health providers, such as the family health team, EMS and mental health services.

"We want to have a targeted discussion with them," Eskedjian said.

The integration process, which is taking advantage of \$20 million being offered for small and rural hospitals, will continue throughout the year.

### **New member wanted**

"We're looking for possibly one new board member," Dale Robinson, chairman of the nominating committee told board members

"If you have good candidates in mind, I would like to receive suggestions."

Robinson said the board will also be advertising for the

All current board members are staying on in the upcom-

'It's nice not to have too many people to look for because it means we'll have some continuity of experience going forward and we won't have to start all over again for projects."

### A reminder

Eskedjian brought up a recent incident in Scarborough, where the resident of a long-term care facility attacked two other women with a cane, killing one of them.

"This home had a number of risk mitigation steps and plans in place," Eskedjian said.

The resident population in any long-term care home poses a risk. The idea of long-term care management is to minimize those risks. I will never go out on a limb and say this will never happen here, because it could."

## Wu left this week for Iroquois Falls

from page 1

A notice from the March 21 edition of the Iroquois Falls Enterprise reads that the board and CEO of the Anson General Hospital "would like to extend a warm welcome to Dr. Bennet Wu who has just signed on with the Iroquois Falls Family Health Team where he will share in the emergency on-call schedule with Dr. Stephen Chiang.

"Dr. Wu and his wife will be arriving in Iroquois Falls April 1, 2013 and have already started looking for a house.

'We are delighted that this fine doctor has chosen our community of Iroquois Falls to establish his medical prac-

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid told the paper she'd not been notified that Wu intended to be gone longer than six weeks, so hadn't had any further conversations with the family health team beyond that time, but would be looking into the situation.

The family health team said discussions would have to take place if the doctor does not plan to return after the six-

The Times was unable to contact Wu or the CEO of the Anson General Hospital before press time.



### Let there be light

Haliburton Highlands Health Services's CEO Varouj Eskedjian, front, tests out the new mattresses and lights (above) recently installed at the Minden hospital's emergency department. Seven stretcher mattresses and new lighting, both totalling \$11,000, were purchased by the Minden Health Care Auxiliary. Funds were raised through the organization's recent gala and other yearly events. Back from left, Judith McNeilage, auxiliary president, Donna Monk, a founding and current member of the auxiliary, Norma Nobles, founding member and resident of Hyland Wood, Barbara Ayres, auxiliary member, Christina Johnson, hospital RN and Melanie Flood, manager of patient care services for HHHS. Angelica Blenich Staff

## Minden Hills supports CEWF



Jack Lake resident Bob Dubois speaks at the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow's annual meeting last year. Minden Hills passed a resolution in the support of the coalition last week.

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### **Chad Ingram**

Staff reporter

Minden Hills council is putting its support behind the Coalition for Equitable

The CEWF is a citizen group that advocates for the inclusion of all stakeholders along the Trent Severn Waterway in processes surrounding the TSW, not just those

along the canal proper.

"You may recall that in the early summer of 2012, Bill Cornfield and I made a presentation to COTW (committee-ofthe-whole) on the activities and positions of the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow," a recent correspondence from coalition member Bruce McClennan." This was part of our effort to keep important issues impacting on reservoir communities in front of the stakeholders. Minden Hills council was appreciative, however, if I understood correctly, did not see a need for a resolution of support since a single-tier municipal voice might be inef-

Most other area municipalities granted the CEWF a resolution of support.

'That was a miscommunication on my part," said Reeve Barb Reid, who added she hadn't realized it was an area-wide initiative. "When that was brought to my attention, I said you must bring it back."

Since the CEWF presentation last summer, there have been a number of changes surrounding the TSW.

Among them are that its management is being merged with that of the Rideau Canal; the TSW is putting forward a new,

### My question is how are we supporting them, by what measures?

- Brigitte Gall

much-heightened fee system, which has gone back to the drawing board after poor public reception; and last summer's drought created historic low on some res-

"We've been having difficulty getting ourselves on the radar screen, other than we should have never bought here 100 years ago," Reid said of the challenges facing reservoir communities, adding coalition members had been "relentless and courageous in their efforts."

"My question is how are we supporting them, by what measures?" asked Councillor Brigitte Gall.

If they can get a series of resolutions showing political solidarity for the work they're doing, they're hoping that will make some impact at senior levels of government," Reid said.

Clarke complimented the work of McClennan, who he said is involved with the planning committee for Gull Lake, and was glad Minden Hills would be coming into line with other townships.

## Minden Hills staffer receives jubilee medal



Janette Loveys honoured for work with **FCM** 

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid congratulated community services director Janette Loveys for receiving a diamond jubilee medal at last week's council meeting.

The medals were handed out through the federal and provincial governments, honouring Canadians who've made contributions to country and community, in honour of Queen Elizabeth II's 60 years

"It was a surprise," said Loveys, who started with the township in January after working in Victoria for a number of

Through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Loveys has done work on public participation with governments in Mozambique and China.

It sounds like the FCM really values the work you've done over many years," Reid said.

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## County to extend water and sewage to Walker's



**Chad Ingram** 

Staff reporter

Haliburton County councillors awarded the contract for extending Minden's water and sewer system to the old Walker's Auto Repair on Highway 35 where the county will be building its new EMS base during their March 27 meeting.

The contract for just over \$170,000, taxes included, will go to Balterre Contracting.

It was the lowest of the eight bids the county received on the project, with the highest reaching more than \$400,000.

Roads director Doug Ray told council-

lors he believed the reason for the large discrepancy in prices was a misinterpretation by some bidders over "traffic control" measures.

Minden Hills Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch wondered if the county had ever worked with the firm, based out of the Peterborough area before.

Ray said no, but he knew others, including municipal staffers who had, and that the firm was highly recommended.

Architect Ron Awde has been drawing up plans for the new base and Ray said pre-construction meetings would begin

Minden Hills may partner with the county on the project, moving its fire hall to the site, and has split the cost on some preliminary studies at the site.

County councillors have talked about selling the portion of the five-acre property not used for the project.

The county purchased the property in 2010 for \$385,000.



**Chad Ingram** Staff

Minden's water and sewer system will be extended to the new EMS base on Highway 35. It was formerly Walker's Auto Repair.

### County approves amendments for AH subdivision

### **Chad Ingram**

Staff reporter

County council approved amendments to an Algonquin Highlands development during a March 27 meeting.

The subdivision, originally approved by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs in 1992, is slated for the east shore of the Kennisis River (sometimes called the Hawk River) between Big Hawk Lake and Halls Lake, north of the bridge on Little Hawk Lake

The long-dormant subdivision plan first resurfaced in November 2011. While the original plan was for 21 lots, the amended plan is for 17, with 60-plus metre frontages and 30-metre setbacks that comply with the township's official plan.

There are also four blocks of land within the development site that will be ceded to

'It's already draft-approved," county planner Jane Tousaw told councillors. "This is what we have to change if we're willing to allow them to reduce the number of lots.

New owners Daniel and Dawn Muir had a number of the studies surrounding the development updated.

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey wondered about road access and Tousaw said an MNR road will be assumed by Algonquin Highlands and brought up to stand-

"Our council's looked at all aspects of this particular development and had a couple presentations as we're in support," Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen told her colleagues.

The public input process for the development took place in the early 1990s.

"The ministry file does not indicate any member of the public expressed concern to the ministry," Tousaw wrote in an email to the *Times*. "What is subject to appeal is the reduction in the number of lots and the changes in conditions. All of the changes to the conditions, with the exception on one, are to reflect that the Township of Stanhope is now the Township of Algonquin Highlands and the approval authority is now the County of Haliburton and not the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. The one condition being changed was the one which pertains to parkland as the Township of Algonquin Highlands specifically requested that it be noted in the conditions."

That condition reads as follows:

"That the owner convey up to five per cent of the land included in the plan to the municipality for park purposes. This dedication shall include Blocks 20, 21, 22 and 23, as redlined. Alternatively, the municipality may accept cash-in-lieu of all or a portion of the conveyance."

If the changes were successfully appealed, Tousaw wrote that the original decision would still stand, subject to conditions imposed by the ministry in 1992.

### Thank you to Haliburton County from the folks at Community Living!

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If you're a business and I've missed you, I'm sorry. If you need some help, call me – Tim Tofflemire Community Options, Community Living Haliburton County. It's a pretty impressive list, folks. Pat yourself on the back, Haliburton County!

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### **Paging Galileo**

**Chad Ingram** 

Reporter

THAT COUNTY COUNCIL would summon resident Dr. Fay Martin to explain comments she made in a column in the Haliburton Echo last month is perplexing.

But that's just what happened last week, when Martin, to her credit, acquiesced to council's request and showed up in county chambers to defend herself.

The column criticized the local gov-

ernment and other parties for not doing enough about homelessness and affordable housing.

The part that seems to have ruffled proverbial feathers was the following: "We, too, have received an enormous amount of government money during the last decade and have no new housing to show for it. If we were audited, I'm sure there might be a few missing pieces of supporting docu-

It could be perceived this latter sentence was meant to cast doubt on county finances.

That was certainly council's take. But that's not what Martin meant. She meant that in the case of Attawapiskat, with which she drew parallels with the county, a few missing pieces of documentation had allowed "the powers that be" to try to discredit the housing crisis there, and that the same could happen here.

It seems that part of council's issue was over a misunderstanding.

There should be no misunderstanding over this sentence:

County council made an incredibly poor decision by asking Martin to show up in person to explain herself.

There are other, less judicial and. frankly, less bully-ish ways councillors could have dealt with this situation.

The apparently offensive comments were made in print and the county could have responded in kind. True, it looks petty when politicians write letters to the editor. but it's certainly happened before.

Or the county could have issued some

kind of official statement with the seal of

the corporation. Better yet, a phone call to Martin from

staff or a politician could have sufficed, or an in-person meeting with a few members of council could have cleared things up.

The ideal and most dignified response would have been no response at all.

Instead, council chose a public display that, from the press table, seemed designed to pressure and intimidate.

It's important for politicians to remember they're

the ones with all the power. They make the bylaws by which the rest of us must live. They decide how our money is going to be spent.

The rest of us have only our words and last week's move (unprecedented in my time here) makes it seem like if those words make politicians too uncomfortable, the local government will come for you.

The optics are terrible.

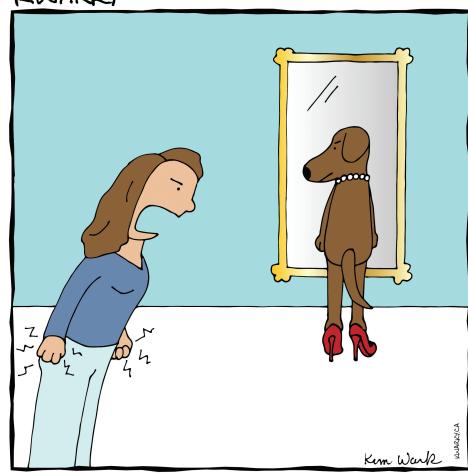
Councillors shouldn't be putting their constituents on trial.

And that's what last week was. A trial. A good old-fashioned inquisition.

What are county councillors going to do? Publicly browbeat any of us who who write things they don't like?

Good luck.

There's that stockade over at the cultural centre. Perhaps that would be more effecKWARKY



"WHY CANTYOU CHEW MY SHOES?"

letters to the editor

### Finding reliable heath care

Shortly after our family first moved to the area, in 2000, the newspaper had a front page story about Dr. Roos setting up practice at the Minden Medical Clinic and joining Dr. Wu, in 2001. It's admirable that Dr. Wu and the others working at the clinic have been able to keep going, since Dr. Roos and Dr. Campioni have left the clinic.

As that first article emphasized, dedicated doctors and medical facilities, in a community are so very important to everyone, of all ages, both for seasonal and year round residents. These reliable medical services make the area more attractive for everyone thinking about

The people who come to the area, as residents and for recreation, can only hope that the council and clinic can work things out, so the hard working medical staff who are there and who may hopefully join them, can find working in the area a financially viable and personally rewarding environment, for themselves and their families.

As the old saying goes, if you have your health, or in this case, reliable and dedicated health care, you have everything.

> **Tom Cameron West Guilford**

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## points of view

## Miniaturization gone too far

THIS MORNING WHILE sitting down to breakfast, I noticed a startling development that I think affects us all. My Mini-Wheats had gotten smaller.

At first, I thought that I had finally attained that long-awaited growth spurt. But then it occurred to me that the spoon and bowl appeared to be the same size as always, so it probably had more to do with the cereal.

'Why are the Mini-Wheats smaller?' I asked. I am nothing, if not a master at initiating stimulating breakfast table conversation.

These are Mini-Wheats Little Bites," Jenn said. Then she pointed to the front

The description on it told me in no uncertain terms that these were indeed half the size of Mini-Wheats and a high source of fibre.

Suddenly, it occurred to me. We were

being had.

I will explain but before we do that, I think we need to examine the history of

200 AD: Wheat was first shredded by errant livestock, I'm guessing goats. The peasants ate both livestock and shredded wheat for breakfast. Though crude, this worked just fine as it formed a good source of fibre and essential vitamins.

Circa 1970: Shredded Wheat is packaged into pieces roughly the size of a hay bale.

Several years later, possibly the early 90s: After having to settle several lawsuits in which children's jaws were accidentally unhinged while trying to eat stale shredded wheat without milk, the company decided to miniaturize the

cereal to a safer level.

A short while later: The Mini-Wheat was born. This was the right size for eating but also worked well if you posi-

> tioned one, like a diamond, in each eye socket to gross out your sister. In short, it was the perfect breakfast

2013: In the first volley of an insidious corporate plot, the Mini-Wheats Little Bites were introduced to a largely unsuspecting public.

Now that you are up to speed, let me break it down for you.

Unless I'm mistaken, the next step will be to introduce Mini-Wheats Little Half-Bites, a cereal 1/4th the size of regular Mini-Wheats but just right for sticking up your nostrils to gross out your sister.

This will be followed by Mini-Wheats

Little Quarter Bites and the Mini-Wheats Little Eighth Bites.

Eventually, we'll be buying packages of Mini-Wheats Microscopic Bites.

And that's when they'll have us.

While they will advertise these as being the smallest Mini-Wheats ever created and invisible to the human eye, the box will in fact be empty. That's right; we will be paying for an empty

I imagine they are testing this in a secret lab somewhere right now. Luckily, I saw it coming and warned you.

As for these Mini-Wheats Little Bites, well, they are OK.

But anything smaller and I'm going to need to put on my reading glasses to wear them. Which means I'll probably have to remove the Mini-Wheat diamonds in my eyes.

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## A preposterous proposal

**Steve Galea** 

Beyond 35

OVERNING A TOWNSHIP in cottage country requires the ability to keep a teeter-totter in perfect equilibrium.

Attach too much weight to the wants of the weekenders who pay most of the taxes and the needs of the folks who actually live here all year round are sent sailing into oblivion.

Wants and needs. Put those two words in italics, just to underline the

The weekenders need a dump, a hospital, fire and police, an official plan that protects their investment, and, most of all, minimal tax increases on their very expensive bit of paradise.

They may want the best for those of us who live here, but needing and wanting are not even close to being the same thing. They might want the community infrastructure the locals depend on, but they don't need it. Only the locals do.

Weekenders might want a good library nearby, for example. They might even use it, if there is one, but there is always another one back home. Locals are stuck with what is here.

And so it goes, with everything from arenas to culture to social spending to attracting development and good jobs, not to speak of snow plowing. Wants and needs - two different things.

The line between weekenders and locals is an arbitrary one. Many weekenders immerse themselves in local life.

But the teeter-totter is a real one, not easily managed. If our county's population triples in summer, as we are so often told, cottagers must far outnumber locals on our voting lists. The best way to win an election is by corralling the cottage vote.

You might argue that this is as it should be, for lakefront property values so far outstrip "inland" values that

cottagers wind up paying most of the

But give weekenders too strong a voice and locals begin to feel like bystanders in their own community.

Some locals would let voters cast ballots only at home, but denying cottagers their Haliburton ballot would amount to taxation without representation. Somewhere south of us, a revolution was fought and won on that issue.

Taking away the cottagers' vote would leave them at the mercy of locals, not only at tax time but on planning and development decisions that alter the landscapes they love.

What local government decides matters most to those of us who live here but cottagers are stakeholders, too. How do we find a balance?

Here is a proposal that starts out feeling modest but turns preposterous once you consider the amount of original thinking that would be required of the Queen's Park bureaucrats who think things are fine just the way they are.

Start with a merger - do away with township governments and put the county in charge of all things local. As

in the City of Kawartha Lakes, for exam-

That's a step much favoured by many of Haliburton County's movers and shakers, though the reviews on singletier government are mixed in places that have one.

I prefer government so local that voters are on a first-name basis with the decision-makers, but my proposal would be too cumbersome at the township level, so I put aside my preferences for the moment.

Merge the county's four townships into a single political unit, then set up a different kind of two-tier government, one with an upper and lower chamber.

The lower chamber, county council, would be elected by locals as defined by the provincial voters' list. Everybody, locals and weekenders alike, would vote for the upper chamber, the board of

County council would initiate legislation. The board of control would ratify it, reject it, or return it to the lower chamber with suggested improvements and then work out a compromise.

The devil is in the details. How would a stalemate between upper and lower chambers be broken? Who would pick the top elected official, the mayor or warden? How could an annual budget be approved in a timely fashion?

My version of two-tier government is already loopy enough, without filling in those details. Down that road lies delir-

The lower chamber would give folks who actually live here first say on issues that matter to them. The upper chamber would protect weekenders, who pay most of the taxes, from oppression by

The goal, if not the means of achieving it, is a reasonable one.

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**Neil Campbell** Back of Beyond



## **Pioneer** society holds open house

The Kinmount Pioneer Society has presented a large heritage display since 1984 at the Kinmount Fair held annually on the Labour Day weekend. The society is undergoing exciting change.

There will be an opportunity to view rare and unique pioneer artifacts and meet some of the craftspeople who will be giving live demonstrations. See videos and pictures of the history of the society as it has grown over the years.

This will also be an opportunity to meet some of the new directors who are looking forward to getting input, new ideas and volunteers.

Everyone is welcome - please bring a friend. Refreshments will be served Saturday April 13, 2 p.m. at Galway Hall, 579 Galway Rd., Kinmount.

Contact Liz Case 705-447-0151.

For more information go to www.kinmount.ca

The Kinmount Pioneer Society will host an open house on

## First notices on immunization go out to area parents

Last week, the health unit mailed out more than 6,500 notices to parents about their children's immunization records.

Students without crucial immunizations face suspensions from school, a situation the health unit hopes to avoid.

"Under the Immunization of School Pupils Act, the health unit must ensure students attending school are immunized against diphtheria, tetanus, polio, measles, mumps and rubella," a press release from the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit reads.

All of the vaccinations are free from the government.

"It is not the health unit's intent to suspend students," says Linda McCarey, director of communicable disease control. "Rather, our goal is to protect everyone in our community from common diseases that can be prevented by vaccines. When most people are vaccinated, we are all better pro-

If you receive one of the notices, contact the health unit right away to arrange for vaccination or fax them updated vaccination records.

"Records of immunization given by family doctors are not automatically forwarded to the health unit, so the responsibility falls to parents," says McCarey. "For many people, the health unit notices are a necessary reminder to bring or fax their child's immunization record to the health unit so the information can be added to our database."

Parents and guardians have until the end of May to respond to the notices before suspension will take place.

Families receiving the notices should call the health unit at 1-866-888-4577 ext. 253 or ext. 324.



### **Bumpy road ahead**

"I was going home one night last week and got a chuckle out of the new sign going up to my house," writes Helen Burk.

### **Happy Easter**

Six-year-old Miles shows off his Easter craft creation. The Minden Branch of the Haliburton County Public Library held Easter FUN Children's programming this past Saturday, March 30. The free event, enjoyed by all who attended, included decorating paper Easter eggs with wet chalk. Program leader Joanna Coles has led various children's programs for the library in the past and suggested folk keep an eye out for upcoming summer programs.

Sian Cox Special to the Times



## Forest festival announces lineup

### **Angelica Blenich**

Staff reporter

It's difficult to top Jim Cuddy.

However, somehow Sean Pennylegion managed to do it. On March 28 the general manager of the Forest Festival announced the line-up of performers coming to the Highlands this summer.

Now in its sixth year, the 2013 annual festival will include names like The Good Lovelies, Lighthouse, Natalie Mac-Master and Murray McLauchlan.

Beginning on Wednesday, Aug. 14, the five-day festival will run until Aug. 18 and feature eight shows, including a family friendly performance.

"This season I think is our most ambitious offering to date and we're really excited about this playbill," said Pennylegion. "We've again attempted to bring artists to the Highlands that for the most part have not appeared here before. We continue to strive to remain as eclectic as possible, allowing us to showcase a variety of genres."

The festival will kick-off with The Good Lovelies on Aug. 18 at the Bone Lake Amphitheatre.

Visiting the Highlands for the third time, the Juno awardwinning trio consists of Caroline Brooks, Kerri Ough and Sue Passmore.

The folk-infused group will be playing their melodic instruments at the magical, outdoor venue known as Bone Lake Amphitheatre.

"We've never had a chance to present the Lovelies when the seasonal residents are here," said Pennylegion.

"It's going to be a parking lot nightmare," joked festival volunteer Eric Lilius.

On Aug. 15 that same amphitheatre will host The Heavyweights Brass Band, whose performances blend jazz, dance and polka music.

Friday, Aug. 16 will be one fine evening as the historic logging museum will feature Lighthouse, along with a 10piece band.

"We're actually going to have to build a bigger stage for them," said Pennylegion.

With a music career that spans more than 40 years, Lighthouse is behind such hits as Sunny Days, One Fine Morning and Pretty Lady.

Due to the size of the venue, tickets for the show will be capped at about 300 and will sell fast, said Pennylegion.

Modern country group New Country Rehab will perform on Aug. 17 at 2 p.m., also at the Historic Logging Museum.



General manager of the Forest Festival Sean Pennylegion announces on March 28 the lineup of talent coming to the Haliburton Highlands this August. For the 2013 season the annual festival includes performers such as The Good Lovelies, **Lighthouse and Murray** McLauchlan.

**Angelica Blenich Staff** 

who will be joined by husband Donnell Leahy, also a fiddler will be performing.

Set to grace the outdoor amphitheatre, the fiddling duo will bring some toe-tapping music to the Highlands.

For the first time ever, this year's festival will include a kid friendly show called Fiddlefire. Taking place on Aug. 18 the show will feature fiddler Chris McKool and his exotic instruments.

McKool has appeared on television shows such as Mr. Dressup, Treehouse and Crawlspace.

On that same day David Woodhead's Confabulation will take the stage at the logging museum, performing a mix of folk, jazz and world music.

Rounding out the impressive line-up of talent is none other than Canadian music icon Murray McLauchlan, whose performances are becoming few and far between.

When asked if he would attend this year's festival, it didn't take McLauchlan long to say yes, said Pennylegion.

"He doesn't play solo very often anymore," said Pennylegion. "His agent called me back within five minutes and said 'he [McLauchlan] looked at your website, he's in."

McLauchlan will performing on Aug. 18 at 8 p.m. at the Bone Lake Amphitheatre.

Upon announcing the line-up to a full house of music

expressed their enthusiasm for this year's festival.

"I've been looking forward to this day since about a year ago," said Pennylegion. "We're really excited about it."

Tickets to all the shows are available for purchase online, in person and via phone.

To buy online visit www.madeinhaliburton.ca. There is also a link to the website through the Forest Festival's site.

To purchase in person visit The Forest Store in Haliburton, Huntsville or the visitor's centre at the Haliburton Forest. They can also be purchased by calling any of the above locations.

Tickets to see Natalie MacMaster and Donnell Leahy or the Lighthouse concert are \$51 plus tax.

All other shows are \$34 plus tax, with the exception of Fiddlefire, which is \$10 plus tax for adults and \$5 plus tax for anyone under 14.

A season pass for all seven adult shows is \$219 plus tax. Prices include service charges and complimentary mailing. Prices do not vary based on how they are purchased.

The Forest Festival was founded in 2007 by forest owner Peter Schleifenbaum and artistic director Stuart Laughton.

It is overseen by a seven-member advisory board. More information can be found at www.theforestfestival.com.

## urton County news

## Housing advocate called before council

### **Chad Ingram**

Staff reporter

A county resident was before Haliburton County council at a March 27 meeting, defending herself over comments she'd made in an opinion piece that ran in the Haliburton Echo on March 12.

Initially, Dr. Fay Martin had written the piece the paper entitled "Ensuring all people have a proper place to live" as part of a radiothon on homelessness.

Martin, who is president of affordable housing corporation Places for People, distinguished that she had been invited to take part in the radiothon as a citizen and had written the piece as such.

"It's also as a citizen I speak to you today," she told council. The column drew parallels between the state of housing in the First Nations community of Attawapiskat and the county.

"I submit that we are more alike than unlike Attawapiskat with respect to our housing status," Martin said, noting the communities are small, poor, remote and that there are people living in unwinterized cottages, sometimes without potable water.

The column names a number of bodies "that might be embarrassed by this lack of attention to housing for all," including the federal, provincial and municipal government.

The two sentences that council was most concerned with: "We too have received an enormous amount of government money over the last decade and have no new housing to show for it. If we were audited, I'm sure there might be a few missing pieces of supporting documentation."

Martin explained that she had not meant to make allegations against the county with this latter sentence, but was making reference to Attawapiskat.

In January, the federal government released a damning audit on the First Nations community, incidentally as its chief was publicly protesting the federal government.

Martin said what she had meant was that if Haliburton County made noise about its housing situation the way Attawapiskat had, "the powers that be" might find a way to discredit the community.

She reiterated to council that her comment had not been made to cast suspicion on the county's bookkeeping.

"I want to state clearly that when I have been privy to municipal administrative details, I have found them exemplary, and have said so," she told councillors.

It was unclear whether councillors understood what Martin was attempting to convey.

"The problem with these kinds of articles is that people on the street see them and I'm getting questions, as other councillors are, about what opportunities we've missed . . . we've got these hundreds of thousands of dollars we haven't spent them on housing . . . and beyond that, are we not being audited?" said Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey.

Fearrey chaired Wednesday's meeting in the absence of Warden Carol Moffatt.

"That's how the general public reads it and that's why you're here to clarify," Fearrey said.

"It's not what I said," Martin responded. "It wasn't an article either, it was a column, and the purpose of a column is to provoke discussion and in order to have a discussion, you have to have disagreements, right? I think that one perhaps has an obligation to disagree with the status quo."

"Absolutely," Fearrey said.

"It's not a hanging crime to disagree," Martin continued. "In fact, some people would say it's a thinking person's obligation to disagree, to question."

She said that when people disagree with something they

read in the newspaper, they often write letters to the editor.

"If council felt they had the need to defend themselves or their staff against what they perceive as allegations, they have every right to do so," Martin said.

"I don't think any councillors with any . . . would want to get into that, that's why you're here to declare . . . this way it clears the air," Fearrey responded.

Martin said she was not in a position to say anything against the county's administrative prowess.

"You have said though that we've had an enormous amount of government money and no new housing units," Fearrey said. "Can you clarify that?"

Going back to the federal audit on Attawapiskat, Martin explained it had looked at all the money that community had received, not just money for housing.

"I really felt strongly, because [my radio piece] was initially written from a national perspective . . . that we need to speak out against the abuse of power in that situation," she said.

Dysart et al Deputy-reeve Bill Davis then weighed in.

"I only take offence with one part of your presentation and that's the part where Haliburton County is equally an embarrassment," Davis said. "I've been on the joint board since 1991 ... and it's been an uphill battle." Davis told Martin he knew her heart was in the right place.

Martin said she was happy to see progress on the affordable housing building outside of Haliburton Village on County

The 24-unit building is scheduled to open this summer.

"It's a bit at odds with saying we have nothing to show for it," said Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid. "That project has been on the books for about four years. These things do take time. I guess what is of concern to me is that there was no acknowledgment of the fact the hard work the housing board is doing is coming to fruition."

Reid wanted to know if Martin, who is also a director with the Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton Housing Corporation, had shared her opinions with members of her board.

"I'm sitting here as a citizen, Barb, and I'm speaking as a citizen," Martin returned. "If you want me to speak as a member of that board, you'll have to invite me back in that capacity."

Reid also took issue with the sentence that referred to missing pieces of documentation and asked Martin if she'd ask for municipal assistance in looking through things.

"I was writing a column, Barb, I wasn't doing an audit," Mar-

"I think you need to be a little careful with the statements you make and I think that's the basic concern," Reid said.

"I think you missed the basic point," Martin said. Reid insinuated that if waterfront properties were taken out of the equation, it might change the scope of affordability of housing in

Martin said that wasn't the conclusion of an ongoing housing study, one that has found a large number of the county's residents as not being able to afford homes, and would rest on the expertise of those doing the study.

"I personally want to let you know that I truly appreciate your passion for the subject," Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen told Martin. "Nobody knows better than this group here how hard it is to separate yourself into the position of a private citizen when you hold a position on a board or a council. You are perceived differently by the public. The average bear on the street thinks you're in a position to know more, so it's very hard to distinguish that."

Danielsen added she disagreed with the comparison of Attawapiskat to the county.

"What's interesting to me is the only people who have perceived me as speaking from a position of authority are in a position of authority," Martin said.

Fearrey thanked Martin for her attendance.

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## aliburton County news

## County joins rent supplement program

### **Chad Ingram**

Staff reporter

Haliburton County will be helping subsidize the rent on some of the units in the affordable housing complex currently under construction on County Road 21 outside of Haliburton Village.

Councillors made that decision at a March 27 meeting, where they were visited by Hope Lee of the Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton Housing Corporation.

Last spring, councillors had chosen not to participate in the rental supplement program.

"Since that date, an existing agreement between the City

of Kawartha Lakes and a Lindsay landlord was terminated and all ten affected households were given priority transfers to KLHHC units in Lindsay," read a staff report from county chief administrative officer Jim Wilson. "This has resulted in 10 Rent Supplement Program units under the Strong Community Rent Supplement Program now being available.

Wilson's report said the program offered a higher amount of fixed provincial money than previously offered.

The cost for the county to help with the rent on 10 units in the building would grow from an estimated prorated cost of approximately \$2,800 this year to more than

"I think what's important for council to know is that there's a term, I think this goes up to 2023?" asked Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid. "What happens at that point?"

"We start analyzing it a couple of years before that termination," said Lee, adding the corporation would look for any other funding opportunities available at that time. 'Worst case scenario, at the end of it, there may be some residual that has to be covered by the municipality for some period of time."

Lee said the corporation would not simply cut off rent supplement for people living in the subsidized units at

The 24-unit building is expected to open this summer. The county contributed \$190,000 to the project.

### County signs agreement for senior winter games

### **Chad Ingram**

Staff reporter

The county has entered into an agreement to make its hosting of the 2015 Ontario Senior Winter Games official.

In February it was announced that Haliburton County would host the competition and at their March 27 meeting, county councillors voted to enter into an agreement with Sport Alliance Ontario.

"The agreement itself is very similar to what was in place for the 2011 games," county chief administrative officer Jim Wilson told councillors. "It's a fairly uniform agreement."

The county was the host of the 2011 Winterfest Ontario Senior Winter Games.

The alliance provides a grant of \$200,000 to conduct the games, which will take place in February of 2015.

A budget for the games is to be prepared and submitted to Sport Alliance within a month of the contract being

Alan Clark, who organized the 2011 event, is again involved and an organizing committee will be struck.

The actual date of the games has not yet been set. Wilson said as before, it will occur mid-week, Tuesday through

In 2011, the timing of the games took place the week before the Family Day long weekend.



Haliburton County plans to host the Ontario Senior Winter Games again in 2015. The event brings more than 1,000 people to the area. /File photo



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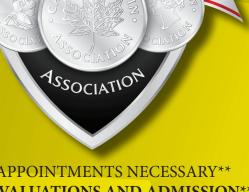
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## Reads of the month



### **Book of the Month**

Triggers by Robert J. Sawyer

On the eve of a secret military operation, an assassin's bullet strikes U.S. President Seth Jerrison and he is rushed to hospital. Meanwhile, at the same hospital, Canadian researcher Dr. Ranjip Singh is experimenting with a device that can erase traumatic memories. When a terrorist bomb detonates, the unthinkable happens: the memories that have begun to flash through Jerrison's mind are not his memories. It quickly becomes clear that the electromagnetic pulse generated by the bomb corrupted Dr. Singh's equipment, allowing a random group of people to access one another's minds. And now one of those people has access to the president's memories - including classified information regarding the upcoming military mission, which, if revealed, could put countless lives in

If you are in the mood for a page-turner, reserve Evergreen Award nominated *Triggers* from your library.

### Junior Book of the Month – **Young Author Title**

The Way We Fall by Megan Crewe

When a strange virus begins to sweep through 16-yearold Kaelyn's small island community, no one knows what to think. As the dead pile up, the government quarantines the island: no one can leave, and no one can come back. Everything familiar is crashing down around her, but unexpectedly Kaelyn discovers new love and strength in character in the midst of significant loss and heartbreak.

For fans of Susan Beth Pfeffer's The Last Survivors series, The Way We Fall is a suspenseful jump-off to a new dystopian YA series that has been recognized by the Ontario Library Association's White Pine Award for teen readers. Reserve your copy today at the Haliburton County Public Library.

### **Local Celebrity Read**

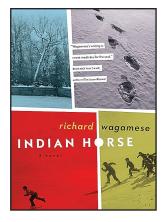
Jim Blake, curator of the Haliburton Sculpture Forest and



consultant for the Haliburton County Development Corporation, recently read Indian Horse by Richard Wagamese. A 2013 Canada Reads finalist and Evergreen Award nominee, Indian Horse is the story of Saul Indian Horse, an Ojibway man struggling to overcome depression and substance abuse, as he looks back upon the ups and downs of his life and former hockey glory.

"This novel is a first-person narrative with compelling descriptions of the northern On-

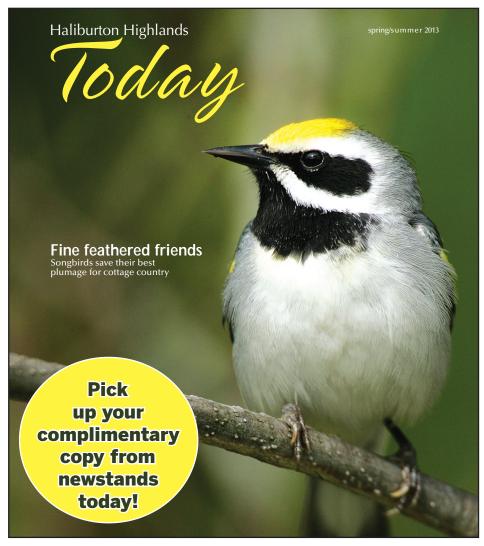
tario landscape, the survival abilities of the narrator's grandmother and ancestors, and his difficult life journey," explains Blake. "Wagamese has an amazing ability to create vivid images with his poetic use of language. The description of how Saul felt as a nine-year-old boy the first time he laced up his skates and stepped onto the ice captures an incredible mix of feelings, sights and sounds. Through his story of Saul's life, Wagameseprovidesawindow



on parts of our Canadian reality that are incredibly difficult to deal with. How can any of us come to terms with what happened to First Nations kids and their families with the residential schools? With the art of a great storyteller, Wagamese gives us a compelling story that leads us through despair and hope."

### **News and Events**

The Haliburton County Public Library has a new website! Visit www.haliburtonlibrary.ca to enjoy our new look, added resources and improved catalogue. Thank you to our patrons for bearing with us during our transition period.





## Hike for hospice only weeks away

The Hike for Hospice will once again take place on Saturday, April 27 at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School and what an exciting day it will be. Registration begins at 10:15 a.m. followed by the Memorial Walk and the Hike at 11 a.m. Participants, as individuals or working as a team, will be helping to raise money for the SIRCH Hospice Program. Hospice provides emotional, practical, psychological and spiritual support during one of life's most difficult times - at home or in the palliative room at the Haliburton Hospital. The money collected will help to make a difference to individuals in Haliburton County during their last months, weeks and days of life and to their friends and family.

Hike of Hospice will start with a Memorial Walk. Participants write the name of someone they loved and want to remember on a potted plant (provided) and walk the track at the high school while accompanied by drummers. For those with mobility issues, golf carts will be provided. Then, there will be two routes that you may choose from- a one kilometre hike around the track of the high school and a five kilometre hike on the Head Lake Trail.

After completing the Hike, refreshments will be served by Rhubarb, a local restaurant noted for exceptional cuisine. Entertainment will take place while you are enjoying your food. Awards will be given to the individuals and teams who have raised the most pledges.

The theme for this year's hike is "Canadians are Aging! We have done our math. Have you?" The Canadian Hospice Palliative Care association is encouraging caregivers and the general public to advocate for better hospice palliative care- especially with the population aging at the rate that it is. Seniors make up Canada's fastest growing age group. It is estimated that seniors 65 plus could account for up to 25 per cent of the total population by 2036. However, only 16 per cent to 30 per cent of Canadians who die currently have access to or receive hospice, palliative and end-oflife care services. Even fewer receive grief and bereavement services (www.chpca.net)."

Start collecting pledges - it's fast, easy and fun! Bring your friends and family - make a difference and share a memory! You can donate online or download pledge forms from the SIRCH website: www.sirch.on.ca (the Hospice page). Let's work together so that we can make a difference in Haliburton County, Every dollar donated goes to providing support during one of life's most difficult times. Join Hike for Hospice or make a donation if you won't be available that day. Support SIRCH Hospice so that all in the community will have hospice services there, to care for us.

All donations raised through Hike for Hospice 2013 will be used to support the SIRCH hospice program. Starting in 2013, the Central East LHIN initiated a regional process to examine options for integrating LHIN-funded health services in Haliburton and City of Kawartha Lakes. In the event that hospice is transferred from SIRCH to another organization, any funds raised as a result of Hike for Hospice will be kept in Haliburton County and redirected by SIRCH to bereavement support and other services/programs that specifically benefit individuals with a serious illness, dementia or a palliative illness.



Drummer Dani Stahle led the way as participants in the eight annual SIRCH Hike for Hospice walked the starting lap at the track at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School in memory of lost ones.



**Chad Ingram Staff** 

The weather co-operated last year as hikers headed out on the track. Participants walked either a one-kilometre course or five-kilometre one around Head Lake Trail.

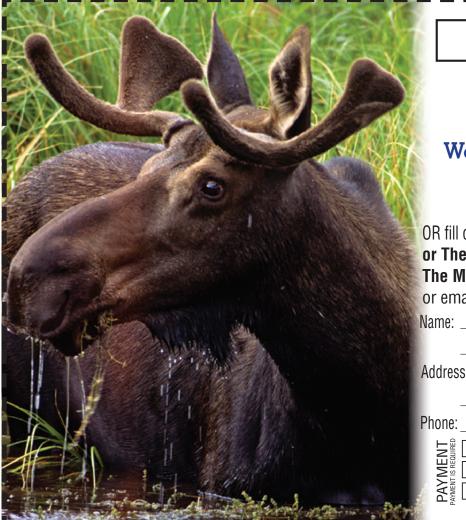
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Topic: What you need to know about WSIB RSVP by Wed. Apr. 3rd to: 705-457-4700 or

karen@haliburtonchamber.com

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### <u>Chamber Workshop - Create Your Own Website</u>

Date: Tues. April 30th, 2013

Location: The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, 195 Highland Street. Lower level.

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (3 hrs)

Cost: \$75.00

Description: Do you have a website? Do you want to learn how to create your very own FREE website?

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## A day at the rink for ASES and OPP



**Chad Ingram** Staff

It may have looked like something was going down at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena last Thursday, but it was just a hockey game between the OPP and students at Archie Stouffer Elementary School.



A player from Archie Stouffer Elementary School does his best to wrestle the puck from one of the members of the local OPP detachment during a game between the station and the school at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena on March 28. The game ended in a 5-5 tie.



Students from ASES cheer on their schoolmates during a hockey game against the local



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### CARNARVONLANES

Tues. aft. Mar. 36 Men.		Ken. Tues night. Mar. 26/13 Men.		Wed aft. Mar. 27 Men.		Thur. aft. Mar. 28 Men.	
High avg. Ken Thompson	208	High avg. Ken Thompson	205	High avg. Ken Thompson	214	High avg. Ken Thompson	211
High single. Robert McIvor	261	High single. Mike Vuksic	229	High single. Claude Cote	311	High single. Claude Cote	314
High single hdcp. Robert McIvor	298	High single hdcp. Mike Vuksic	265	High single hdcp. Claude Cote	329	High single hdcp. Claude Cote	329
High triple. Ken Thompson	638	High triple. Ken Thompson	626	High triple. Claude Cote	654	High triple. Claude Cote	771
High triple hdcp. Chris Hill	709	High triple hdcp. Tom Holleran	682	High triple hdcp. Claude Cote	708	High triple hdcp. Claude Cote	810
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High single hdcp. Barb Milligan	260	High single hdcp. Sheri Holleran	267	High single hdcp. Anne Lampma	an 259	High single hdcp. Ren Higgins	300
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### THEFASTLANE

This is the Haliburton County Red Wolves bowling scores for March 20

Mens

1st - Ross Anderson 185 2n d-Brandon Bailey 168 3 rd - Iason Hollowell 134

Ladies:

1st-Buddy Plouffe 178 2nd - Sarah Hudson 174 3rd - Carrie Crego 144

Scores for Thursday's Seniors League. High Single Flat Ladies - 234 Lyn Preston

High Single Flat Men - 255 Fred Preston

High Single Hdcp Ladies - 287 Lyn Preston

High Single Hdcp Men - 301 Fred Preston

High Triple Flat Ladies - 551 Grace Chap-

High Triple Flat Men - 645 Fred Preston

High Triple With Hdcp Ladies - 686 Grace Chapman

High Triple With Hdcp Men - 783 Fred

High Average Ladies - 171 Helen Dentinger

High Average Men - 180 Gerry Wagg







• In the past year Haliburton County's 23 volunteer drivers have travelled over 220,000 kilometres, providing 1250 free rides, to get 83 cancer patients to life-saving treatments.

### This is the IMPACT:

"Canadian Cancer Society volunteer drivers have been an invaluable help to us. In the last few years my husband has had numerous appointments and procedures at Toronto General Hospital. When we realized it was no longer wise to drive ourselves into downtown Toronto, we were thankful to discover the volunteer driver program. The drivers have all been very experienced, friendly, thoughtful and happy to help. We are extremely grateful for this resource." Ginny Hopkings, caregiver, Haliburton County.

### egistered & Totals:

JC's CR Warriors \$2095. The Dogpatch Dollies \$520. The Glitter Girls Kinmount Tai-Chi-A-Pets Fleming \$150. The Ladybugs HydroOne4All,All4One Sleepwalkers \$100. Haliburton Fire Department

Your team name could be here next month, get your team registered at www.relayforlife.ca or call Jen Bain 705-457-9415

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ou opened your hearts to our family and we are ever so grateful for your love and support. "Jake's Big Break" was a huge success and the response went well above and beyond all expectations.

We wish to personally thank all the business sponsors in Minden, Haliburton and surrounding area. We would also like to express our sincere thanks to the Kinsmen, Rotary and Lion's Clubs, as well as friends and family who made personal donations. The local media deserve a nod of appreciation for their great coverage and getting the word out about "Jake's Big Break". Aunt Jaime Abbs and Uncle Jim Vail took a tiny seed of an idea and it grew into a huge flower that encompassed an entire community and beyond.

Huge special thanks to Karen and her wonderful McKeck's staff for not only the use of their fine facility, but also their tireless efforts leading up to the big day and tending to the large crowd on the big night. Thanks as well to all the members of our wonderful families who worked hard and long on organization, donations, baking desserts, games, raffles and all of those details that needed to be attended to. A big thank you goes out to Rockin' Bob's and Jimmie 3 Stix for the great music of the evening.

We are truly blessed to live where we do. Jake's ongoing medical expenses will be easier to bear, thanks to all of you. From the bottom of our hearts, we appreciate everything.

Cory Abbs, Mitch Bateman & Jake

## Stretch your boundaries at yoga class



**Gina Atkinson** Stanhope Life

705-489-2008 pinereflections@sympatico.ca

While some of the neighbours have been to Florida, Mexico or some other southern location away from Haliburton I can now say that I, too, went away for a few days even though it was only south to Toronto!

It was a few days downtown staying at my brother

My first day was actually to work at the Sony Centre doing merchandise for the Price is Right show then the rest of the time was leisurely doing what I like to do, things like walking through Kensington Market, Chinatown and especially eating at ethnic restaurants.

I am very fortunate to have a brother who knows his way around the eating establishments within walking distance of the condo, also being able to read a menu and make great choices of food I have never tried

Saturday night the choice was a Spanish restaurant eating tapas and John's pronunciation of the items was impressive.

I gave up long ago trying to order.

He has treated me to Vietnamese, Korean and Japanese to mention a few and each time I just say go for it since I gave up a long time ago trying to make a choice.

It's way over my head.

Times like these remind me of how much I do miss city life but then a couple of parking tickets later that thought disappears.

Having a car downtown Toronto is a big problem for

The mini holiday ended with my Ma's Easter brunch, which again was way too much food in a very limited

After these visits supper is out of the question!

Therefore, this week is definitely back to yoga time! Yoga is still happening every Tuesday starting at 5 p.m.

at Highland Leisure in Carnarvon.

It's a fairly small group taught by Tara who has obviously been doing this for years, the flexibility she shows

Tara welcomes drop-ins at any level of yoga.

This is very reassuring since inside this out-of-shape body is a very flexible person trying to come out!

If you need more information please don't hesitate to call me. If Carnarvon isn't your area, Gail Holness will be starting her spring session this month.

She is also planning an intro yoga class for men.

For more information please call Gail at 705-455-9284, email at gailholness@gmail.com or check out what's new at www.holness-yoga.com.

Yoga is a very gentle effective form of exercise that benefits mind as well as body.

Time has a way of getting away from us! With this in mind mark your calendars for May 4 that's when Sue King is having her grand opening at Pine Reflections Gift and Garden Centre.

This winter Sue has been shopping like crazy and has been unpacking many boxes of new and interesting

Part of this grand opening weekend will feature a huge garage sale with numerous new or gently used items.

Everyone loves a garage sale and besides that, after a long and drawn out winter it's always great to see friends and neighbours.

There's a big mystery in Carnarvon! It was announced that there will be a liquor store opening here before the season starts but where will it be?

If you have any news to share, birthdays or anniversaries please drop me a line!

Have a great week!





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### Melissa Alfano

**Dorset News** 

705-766-0076 malfano@hotmail.ca

Dorset did very well at the recent Muskoka Arts and Crafts Spring Members show in Bracebridge and is emerging as a strong artistic community. Congratulations to Elizabeth Johnson for winning two awards, the Award of Excellence in Painting and the Muskoka Conservancy Award. Congratulations are also in order to Carolyn Misener who won the Textile Award and to Cirvan Hamilton who won the Woodworking Award. Well done! This Saturday! The new time for the Dorset indoor model airplane and helicopter flying activity at the Recreation Centre is this Saturday, April 6 from 10 a.m. to noon. All are welcome. Come to fly or come to watch. The cost is \$1 per person. To find out more, give Peter a call at 705-766-2722. The Dorset Community Partnership Group is meeting at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Monday, April 8 at 7 p.m. and all are welcome to attend.

If you would like to purchase a "Good Food Box" for delivery to the Dorset Recreation Centre on Thursday, April 18, your \$15 payment is due before 4 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10. What is the "Good Food Box" program? It's a not for profit fresh fruit and vegetable distribution program organized by the Haliburton Lions Club with the support of the HKPR Health Unit. The program was created to get fresh produce to people in Haliburton County as research shows that eating 5 to 10 servings of fruit and vegetables a day is good for a person's health. To find out more, drop in to the recreation centre, email drc@algonquinhighlands.ca or call 705-766-9968.

If you are a Dorset Snowball volunteer or sponsor and want to attend the annual Wrap Up Party on Thursday, April 11, don't forget to RSVP by calling 705-766-9968 by April 8. There will be an opportunity for positive comments, constructive criticism and for new ideas. A delicious dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. The Dorset Recreation Committee invites all local artists and writers to apply to be a part of the 10th Annual Evening of Wine, Words Music and Art being held on Friday, April 19 at the Dorset Recreation Centre. Space is limited. Email drc@algonquinhighlands.ca or call 705-766-9968 to find out more.

Tickets for the 10th Annual Evening of Wine, Words, Music and Art are available at the Dorset Recreation Centre. Tickets are \$6 each or 2 for \$10. The event is open to those 19 year of age and up. If you are doing your spring cleaning and come across any old VHS video tapes - don't throw them out! Give Andrea a call at 705-349-1381 and she will be happy to make arrangements with you to take them off your hands and help you tidy up. If you or someone you know regularly subscribes to a favourite magazine, you can contribute to fundraising for Irwin Memorial Public School in Dwight (where a lot of our Dorset children attend). All you need to do is visit www.qsp. ca and enter group number 9965 to renew or purchase a subscription. Every little bit helps!

Birthday wishes for March 31 to April 6 go out to Cole Greenaway, Emily Shortreed, Adam Jones, Karla MacKay, Laura Flynn and Evan Coombs! Give me a call or drop me a line to send special wishes to your loved ones. For all who have birthdays, anniversaries and special occasions this week, have fun and celebrate your special day!

If you have items for the Dorset News, please send them to my home email address which is malfano@hotmail.ca or give me a call at home at 705-766-0076.













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## **Grannies for Grannies hosts event April 6**



### **Patti Fleury**

Around the Town

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Order is gradually being restored to the old farmhouse. The inhabitants here both two and four legged are truly all creatures of habit each with its own routine. For Bruce it is early rising, Keurig coffee of choice, muffin, vitamins and daybook. For me a later 7 a.m. descent, Keurig coffee of choice then the Circulation Booster machine. As seen on TV its results are supposed to let you keep up with the 13 year old in the house.

Thankfully we don't have one. Taffy, Clarence the senior cat and Jake the upstart breakfast then head either outside or up to their office loft locations.

Over the Easter weekend family arrived and regular routines like Elvis "left the building". Ben, now nine years old, reported a hockey season total of 52 goals and 12 assists while granddaughter Emma livened up the dinner table with lusty vocal renditions from her upcoming show "Spamalot."

Unfortunately cousin Margo from London [an avid Minden Times reader could not be with us due to a hand injury finally beginning to heal. It was busy and fun with some fringe benefits including delicious leftover ham and finding the odd small Cadbury chocolate egg undiscovered by the searchers.

The Fenelon Grannies for Grannies are hosting their fifth annual Musicathon for Africa on Saturday, April 6 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at St. James Anglican Church Hall on Bond Street West in Fenelon Falls.

Come out and support your favourite group or performer and listen to the bounty of local musical talent all in support of African grandmothers who are raising their grandchildren orphaned by AIDS. Admission is free and donations accepted. There will be refreshments, a door prize and "Love Links" will be available.

All are welcome to attend this Sunday, April 7 service at Kinmount United Church which will include a Powerpoint presentation.

This slide show will bring viewers up to date on the current customer service standards set by our Ontario government regarding Accessibility.

The church is located at 15 Cluxton Street with the service at its regular 9:45 a.m. time.

The Kinmount Pioneer Society invites interested persons to its Open House on Saturday, April 13 at 2 p.m. in the Galway Hall, 579 Galway Road, Kinmount.

The society which has presented a large heritage display at the Kinmount Fair since 1984 is undergoing exciting changes.

There will be an opportunity to view unique pioneer artifacts, meet some of the craft persons involved and

view a pictorial history of how the society has grown over the years and then share refreshments.

For more information please give Liz Case a call at

Have you ever noticed how a simple good morning to someone walking past draws such a surprised but pleasant response? Scouts Canada has taken the initiative to sponsor Good Turn Week from April 13 through to April

To participate just do a good turn for someone, however, large or small the thought and "pay it forward". For more details check out Scouts Canada's website.

Thanks to Board member Lynne Kilby the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace, the primary project of the Kinmount & Area Artisans Guild, is now on Facebook! Visit www.facebook.com/KinmountArtisansMarketplace? to see great photos, new products and notice of upcoming events.

Mark your calendars now for the Highlands Festival Singers presentation "A Festival Of Gospel Music" on Saturday, April 27th at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 28 at 3 p.m. at Haliburton United Church, corner of George and Pine Streets.

The concert will feature beautiful gospel music, some swing and some "a capella" renditions. The ticket price

Until next week...

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Council invites letters of interest from members of the public who are interested in serving on the Haliburton-Stanhope Airport Committee for the remaining term of Council.

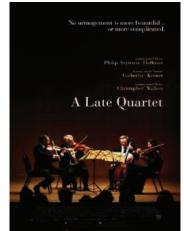
Candidates who have a specific interest in airport activities and the promotion of the airport are preferred. To view the Terms of Reference for the Haliburton-Stanhope Airport Committee please visit the website at www.algonquinhighlands.ca

Letters of interest will be accepted by the undersigned until 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday April 10, 2013.

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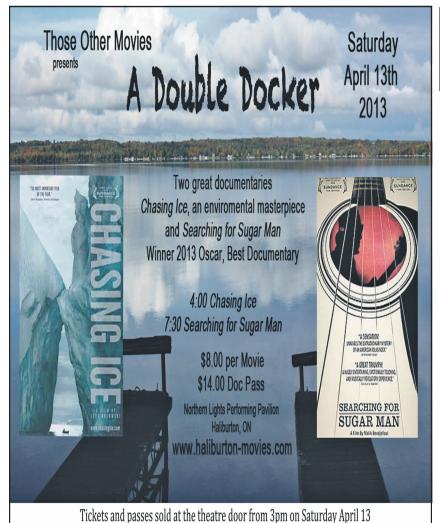
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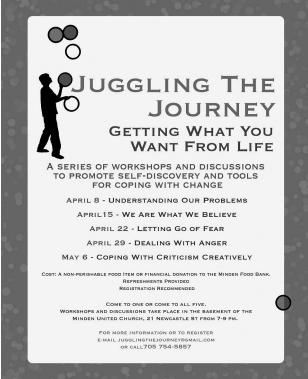
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#### TIME

TUESDAY APRIL 9th @ 1pm Call Jim for further information: 705-754-4769



### **Coming Events**



## Highland Trio to entertain on April 27

The Royal Canadian Legion Minden Branch 636 is a great place to hold a birthday party, a wedding reception or just a get together for your family and friends. We can cook and serve the food and take the pressure off!

Call us at 705-286-4541.

We would like to thank the volunteers who assisted with the most recent birth-

A great time was had by all!

The next branch general meeting is taking place on Wednesday, April 3 and the next LA General Meeting is on Wednesday, April 10.

Members are encouraged to attend these important meetings.

The Highlands Trio will be entertaining at the Minden Legion on Saturday, April 27. Food will be available for purchase from 12 to 2 p.m. All are wel-

The Minden Legion supports the local community in many ways.

Why not come out for lunch this week?

All are welcome to come to the Minden Legion.

## community Ca

### Post your event for free on the web. Go to: www.mindentimes.ca or Community Calendar link at: www.haliburtonecho.ca

Are you troubled by someone's drinking? Minden Al-Anon Family Group meets in Hyland Crest meeting room, 6 McPherson St Mondays at 8p.m.

Horse Before the Cart Writers' Group, meets 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, from 2:30 - 4:30 at the Minden Library/Gallery (705)-489-3661

Help to preserve our History with a Veteran's museum Wanted: British, Canadian or German WWI and WWII items. Uniforms, helmets and caps and medals, photographs, shells and weapons. Please do not donate money. Items broken or in part are welcome. Contact Martin Hofland at 705-457-2382

March- April 24: Complete tax returns for seniors and veterans located at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 636 at 12847 - 35 Highway in Minden every Wednesday from 10 am to 12 noon. This program is coordinated with Canada Revenue Agency through the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program.

April 2: The Minden & District Horticultural Society's monthly meeting at 1 p.m. at the Minden Community Centre Linda McLeod of Cedar Lane Gardens her topic is "Building A Rock Garden" call Rose for more information at 705 286 3157

**April 2 & 3:** Haliburton Soccer Registration located at the HHSS Athletic Complex from 5:30p.m.- 7p.m. Registration for children 4+ and Adult summer and pick up soccer. For more information please call 705-457-9303 after 6pm or visit http://www.halsoccer.org/

April 13: The Maplefest Pancake/Sausage Brunch and Bake Sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. "All You Can Eat" at Lochlin United Church, 1050 Lochlin Road off Gelert Road (County Road 1). Adults: \$6, Children: \$3 Preschool: FREE

April 14: Country Music Jamboree located at the S.G. Nesbitt Arena in Minden from 1p.m.-5p.m. admission \$7.00, 5p.m. Meat pie/veggies/dessert- \$6.00 provided by Minden Lioness proceeds to Relay for Life.

Table Tennis in Minden Wednesday afternoons from 1 to 3 pm. the upper level of the Minden Community Centre. The cost in Minden is \$3.00 per day. In Haliburton we play Monday nights from 6 to 9 pm. on the lower level of St. George's Anglican Church, 617 Mountain Street. The cost is \$5.00 per night plus \$15 half-yearly to cover the insurance cost for the church. Dates: From January 2nd to June 26th. Contact: Vasha Rehacek @ 705-754-3834

April 8-May 6: Juggling the Journey: Getting what you want from life. A series of Workshops and discussions to promote self discovery and tools for coping with change. Cost: A donation of a non-perishable food item or financial donation to the Minden food bank. For more information please call 705-754-5857 or email jugglingthejourney@gmail.com

April 30: HALIBURTON: 'Meet the Dietitian', 10 am to noon, located at the Ontario Early Years Centre (83 Maple Ave., Halco Plaza, lower level. Come talk to a Dietitian about feeding your family. Find out more about introducing solids, picky eaters, family feeding and mealtime routines. Call (705) 457-1391 or 1-866-888-4577, ext. 233, for more information.



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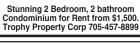


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## **County card scores**

by Patti Fleury 488-2938 brucefleury1@hotmail.com

March 26 Minden Seniors bid euchre at Minden Legion: Betty Wagar reports that the leading ladies were Pat Dickson 300, Clara Obdam 280, Sharron Atkinson 268 and Bev Johnson 260. First for the gents at 294 was Tom Grix with Kevin Maloney and Marcel Roussel tied at 268 for second spot and Jesse Barlow 264 third. John Deak won the major draw with Bill McKnight, Kevin Maloney and Pat Dickson claiming the smaller prizes while Theresa Deak [2], Clara Obdam and Kevin Maloney took the moonshots.

March 26 Mixed Shuffleboard at Stanhope Firehall: Top honours went to Sandy Poulton and Jason Peacock 273 then Peggy Beattie and Joan Bell at 267. In third place was the duo of Ray Lymer and Pam Pappas 259 while the afternoon's low was posted by Jean Randell partnered with John Platt 199. Thanks to Pearl Cowen for this report.

March 26 contract bridge at Minden United Church: The high scoring trio members were Gerald Bergin 4,830, John Du Manoir 4,400 and Bob Penfold 4,150. Gareth Kellett also reports that Gerald Bergin teamed up with Joanna Penfold for a Small Slam.

March 26 Gelert euchre at Lochlin Community Centre: From Rae Shepheard comes the news that Harold Harvie won for both lone hands and the draw prize. High score holders were Bob Winder and Jim McPherson with Gala Newell and Ralph Young taking the low scores.

March 26 contract bridge at Club 35: The high scoring quartet members were Ross Fletcher 5,850, Jim Burrows 5,310, Muriel McIntosh 4,750 and at 4,550 Peter Gardiner. Joan McDonald won the lucky draw while Linda Cherry took home the Shiny Penny.

March 27 bid euchre at Stanhope: White card honours went to Karen Chapman 359, Pat Scadden 310 and Chris Clarke 255 while Kelly Clarke led the pinks at 292 then Jean Scadden 271 and Marg Oetelaar 255. Linda Lambert also reports that Marg took a moonshot along with Jean Scadden.

March 27 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing Howell top marks went to Muriel McIntosh and Helen Baker 60 percent, Irena and Alek Zworski 57 percent and Kathie Porter partnered with Rob Eaton 54 percent.

March 28 bid euchre at Minden Community Centre: Leading ladies were Phyllis Windsor 298, Pat Roussel 244, June Branning 240 and Eileen Shapiera 229. At 286 Dwaine Lloyd topped the gents followed by Doug McIntosh 224, Kevin Maloney 201 and Jesse Barlow 196. The draw winners were Betty Wagar [2], Theresa Deak and Karin Harrison with Karin also claiming a moonshot along with Albert Foster, Dwaine Lloyd and Betty Wagar. This update comes to us from Bev Johnson.

March 28 euchre at Minden Legion: Lone hand holders were Karen Chapman and Bob Pollard with our reporter May Bradbury and Doug McIntosh posting the high scores. Linda Hopkins and Tom Grix claimed the lows while Karen Chapman, Betty Wagar and Tom Grix [3] took home the evening's other prizes.

March 29 euchre at Staanworth Court, Minden: Shirley Howe reports that Sherin Brown won for high hands, June Branning for lone hands and Sandra Crockett for both low hands and the special prize.

March 29 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Using the Howell method Gord Cochrane and our reporter Margo Davidson {3 events] led at 61 percent followed by Muriel McIntosh and Stella McMillan 59 percent and Reet Murray partnered with Ross Fletcher 55 percent.

March 30 bid euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Leading ladies were Karen Chapman 247, our reporter Sherin Brown 232 and Karin Harrison 228. First for the gents at 282 was Albert Foster then Tom Grix 218 and Pat Bailey 205 with Albert also taking a moonshot along with Karin Harrison and Sherin Brown winning the special prize.

March 31 euchre at 6 Parkside, Minden: Winning for high hands was Michael Myles, for lone hands our reporter Arthur Forbes, for low hands Carol Derbyshire and for the special prize Sandra Crockett.

April 1 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: From Rose Isaacson the news that Ida Young led at 261 then Sam Gaudet 260 and Gala Newell 243. Tom Grix won the draw and also had a moonshot along with Sam Gaudet and Mike St. Thomas [2].

April 1 euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Taking the honours for high hands was Arthur Forbes, for lone hands our interim reporter Elaine Yeo, for low hands Joan Riel and for the special prize Doreen Francis.

April 1 euchre at Club 35: It was Elstone evening with Merv holding the most lone hands and Dorene high lady. Jean Dutka took top marks as high man while the lows went to Carol McMullen and our reporter Garth Windsor with Margaret Oetelaar taking home the baloney.

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